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PSC Hosts Informational Meetings in Brownsville

MADISON – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) will hold public information meetings to talk to citizens about a new wind generating facility in the area.

Forward Energy LLC has filed an application with the PSC to construct the Forward Energy Center, a 200 megawatt wind electric generation facility. The company proposes to operate between 70 to 135 wind turbines in the townships of Byron, Leroy, Lomira and Oakfield. The generators would be connected to the existing electric transmission system at a new electrical substation, which would be constructed and owned by the American Transmission Company.

The PSC is holding the public meetings to explain and answer questions about the agency's review process and to solicit input from citizens in the area to help in preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. Two sessions will be held this Thursday:

Thursday, November 4, 2004
First Session: 1:30 p.m.
Second Session: 6:00 p.m.
Brownsville Community Club
871 Main Street
Brownsville, Wisconsin

The PSC is currently working with the Department of Natural Resources to identify issues and analyze the impacts of the proposed wind generating project for the draft Environmental Impact Statement. The draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be issued this winter and will be followed by a public comment period. Comments will be included in the final Environmental Impact Statement. Public hearings on the project will be held early next year. People should note that the meetings on Thursday are informational meetings, not public hearings.

Forward Energy's application is available at area libraries and village and town clerks' offices. It is also available on the PSC's Electronic Regulatory Filing System at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Click on ERF System, select Search Electronic Regulatory Filing System and enter docket number 9300-CE-100.

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